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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillis, Esq., Chairman,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallow,
Geo. Munro, Manager.

Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI:—

C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy:—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Yokohama:—D. FRASER, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken. Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS:—
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [8]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£500,000.

LONDON:—

Head Office:—40, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office:—25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

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E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Insurances.

THE STANDARD A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS STANDING AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good services to refer to; its Funds, annually increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the Premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$3,000,000.00.

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable. No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling. Rates of premium low. Policies issued on all approved Forms. For further particulars apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:—No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS. 600,000. \$215,515.55
EQUALLY TO.....\$215,515.55
RESERVE FUND.....\$315,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
LEE SHU, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHU, Esq.,
MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE:—8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1178]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON-PINE SPARS, &c., LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MACKAY, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1891. [149]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE LONG RANGE CUP and SPOONS will be Shot for TO-MORROW, April 30th, at 2.45 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th April 1892. [40]

WANTED.

By a MECHANICAL ENGINEER a situation—not sea-going. Aged 30, and a good Draughtsman. University education; at present in Government employ. Address,

M. I. M. E.,
59, "Hongkong Telegraph" Office,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1892. [431]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Office of the undersigned will be removed to No. 35, WELLINGTON STREET, on the 1st of May, 1892.

A. R. MARTY, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 11th April 1892. [420]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1891 has been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on Application at the Office of the SOCIETY on and after the 5th May.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1892. [460]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ISSUE OF 10,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution, the GENERAL MANAGER of A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, hereby invites applications from the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company for the ISSUE of 10,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 each at a Premium of 50 per cent., or \$15 a Share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 1st day of May next applying for the NEW ISSUE will be entitled to One Share for every Five Shares registered in his name. Shares remaining unallotted shall be distributed in proportion to the Five Shares and Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply, will be allotted among the General Manager and the Company's staff.

Applications for Shares in the NEW ISSUE will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 1st to the 4th day of June next, both days inclusive, and the whole amount applied for will be payable on application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 4th day of June next, both days inclusive.

The present paid up Capital of the Company is \$100,000 divided into 50,000 Shares of \$10 each, and the NEW ISSUE is required to increase the Capital of the Company to \$200,000 divided into 20,000 Shares of \$10 each.

The whole of the premium received from the NEW ISSUE will be placed to the credit of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The last dividend paid by the Company was on the 5th November, 1891, being an Interim Dividend at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum on account of that year, and the Final Dividend for 1891 will be payable in May next. The NEW ISSUE will rank for the Interim Dividend to be declared in November next on account of 1892.

Forms of application for the NEW ISSUE can be obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICES over the Hongkong Dispensary or at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

By Order, A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1892. [405]

To be Let.

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES.

Apply to Messrs. G. FALCONER & Co.,

or LAI HING & Co.,

No. 123, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [454]

TO LET.

NO. 15, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

"TUSCULUM" MAGAZINE GAP.

No. 2, 4, & 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, 25th April, 1892. [32]

TO LET.

FROM 1ST APRIL.

"STILLINGFLEET."

FIVE ROOMED detached HOUSE on Peak Road near the Albany.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LD.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [285]

TO LET.

THE ROWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

NOS. 12, 13, & 14, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LD.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1892. [343]

TO LET.

POSSESSION FROM 1ST MAY.

"HILLSIDE" at the PEAK, now in the occupation of G. STEWART, Esq.

No. 12, CAINE ROAD, 8-Roomed House, now in occupation of F. W. WATSON, Esq.

WEST END TERRACE, 4-Roomed House (Bonham Road). Rent moderate.

Apply to SPANISH PROCURATION.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1892. [440]

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENSHIRE" and "SURAT"

LARGE SHIPMENT OF NEW GOODS.

LADIES, GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S

WHITE STRAW HATS,

CHIFFONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, RIBBONS, and all the New Specialities for

MILLINERY PURPOSES.

Hongkong, 23rd April 1892 [5]

W. POWELL & CO.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STRAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour admits the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [108]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

FIRST DELIVERIES OF

NEW ART MUSLINS, from 15 cents per yard.

NEW MADRAS MUSLINS.

NEW SUMMER CURTAINS.

NEW SUMMER CRETONNES.

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS.

ONE THOUSAND PAIRS, from \$2.00 per pair.

ALL LAST YEARS PATTERNS GREATLY REDUCED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1892. [29]

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.

SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.

PORPOISE-HIDE DARK TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CAFE BOOTS & SHOES.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

15, PRAYA CENTRAL, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [42]

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

TAKARADZUKA NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

KING OF TABLE WATERS.

(Charged with Natural Gas.)

"TAKARADZUKA" is prescribed by the most eminent medical men of the day as a water which although NOT MEDICINAL in the common acceptance of the term, will keep the functions of the body in healthy action, invigorate the system, and by promoting the alkalinity of the blood PREVENT THE DEPOSITION OF URIC ACID AND THE CONSEQUENT INROADS OF GOUT, RHEUMATISM AND INDIGESTION.

TAKARADZUKA NATURAL MEDICINAL WATER.

This NATURAL MEDICINAL WATER besides being APERIENT also contains a large proportion of FERRUGINOUS SALTS, which property commends its use in warm climates before Hunyadi Janos and other mineral laxatives.

As an APERIENT—One third of a bottle to a dose.

Bottled at "TAKARADZUKA," near Kobe, Japan.

Takaradzuka Mineral Water, price \$5.50 per case of 50 pints.

Takaradzuka Medicinal Water, price \$7.50 " "

Sole Proprietors:—J. CLIFFORD WILKINSON, Hongkong, Japan.

CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD., Sole Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1892. [10]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

BRINSMEADS PIANOS

AND THE

MASON & HAMLIN ORGAN CO.

A Large Selection of INSTRUMENTS of both makers available for Hire or Purchase or for Sale by EASY INSTALMENTS.

NEW FOLIOS. NEW SONGS.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1892. [16]

CHS. J. GAUFF & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis, Audemars' Watches Awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition and for Volkmann and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES.

MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES.

No. 5, Queen's Road Central. [144]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [144]

S. I. N. G.

SURGEON-DENTIST.

No. 10, PRAGA STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation free.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892. [139]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd May, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1892. [461]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, the 30th April, 1892, at 2.30 P.M., on the Premises at Bowrington Foundry, East Point, THE FOLLOWING

MACHINERY, STORES,

&c., &c.

Comprising:—

Steam Pumps, Donkey Pumps, Brass Deck Pumps, Iron and Copper Piping, a pair Boat Davits, 3 Anchors, 1 Tysack's Patent Anchor, 12" and 14" Cable Chain (suitable for Mooring), 1" Stud Chain (of Special Quality), Complete Sea Taps and Dies, Steel Plates, Bolter and Stay Tubes, 24 by 1 of long; one lot Rifles, Swords, Axes, Patent Compressors, &c., &c.

A Patent Powerful Steam Capstan Windlass, the Engine and Windlass are connected to one Plate; 2 Walker's Patent Feed Heaters, Spars, &c., &c.

All errors of description at Purchasers' risk on fall of hammer.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1892. [442]

IN THE COLONIAL COURT OF ADMIRALTY OF HONGKONG.

Suit No. 8 of 1892.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, Plaintiff.

Against

The S.S. "TORRINGTON."

THE Undersigned will (pursuant to a commission for sale issued herein) Sell by Public Auction,

ON

the 2nd day of May, 1892, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on board the vessel (unless previously sold by private treaty)

The Iron Screw Steamship

"TORRINGTON,"

gross tonnage 1,508, net register tonnage 756; as she now lies afloat in Hongkong harbour, and without Cargo, Coal, and Stores.

The vessel was built by Messrs. RAYLTON & DIXON, at Middlesbrough, in 1875, and classed 100 AT at Lloyd's.

Length 205 feet 3 inches, breadth 36 feet 1 inch, depth 25 feet 6 inches. Is fitted with one compound engine of 220 h.p. nominal, 300 h.p. effective, built by Messrs. RICHARDSON & SONS in 1874, diameter of cylinders h.p. 33' 1" l.p. 73'. Stroke of piston 36".

Two cylindrical multitubular iron boilers built by RICHARD

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS

AND

AERATED WATER
MANUFACTURERS.THE Factory is fitted with a Steam Plant of
the most improved type equal to that of a first
class English concern.

MANUFACTURED DAILY—

SODA WATER in Bombay Sized Bottles,

LEMONADE,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE, Belfast flavour,

SARSAPARILLA,

PHOSPHOZONE,

LEMON SQUASH.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands,
all of which are excellent quality and
good value for the money.The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the
most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best
growths at moderate prices.In ordering is only necessary to state the
name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$10	
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Cap- sule.....	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.50
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Mansanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bot- tled).....	14	1.25

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	\$4.50
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	7.50
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	12.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS

IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$13	\$1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap- sule.....	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
C. Watson's Abouan-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
D. Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name.....	10	1.00

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A. Fine Old Tom, White Cap- sule.....	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unswetened, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. G. G. V. A.....	4.50	0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	12	1.00
Good Goodward Island.....	\$1.50	per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Cognac, Cherry Cordial, Chateau, Dr. Serravallo's Angostura Bitters, &c.		
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PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion of all questions affecting the public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

MARRIAGE.

On the 19th April, at the B. M. H. Episcopal Church, Fochow, by the Ven. Archdeacon Wolff, assisted by the Rev. L. Lloyd, CHARLES S. MOORE, Esq., of Fochow, to MARY LAWRENCE LANCASTER, only surviving daughter of the late Thomas L. Lancaster, Esq., and step-daughter of R. R. Westall, Esq., both of that place.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

MR. GLADSTONE ON WOMAN
SUFFRAGE.

LONDON, April 29th.

Mr. Gladstone has issued a pamphlet against female suffrage. By the Ven. Archdeacon Wolff, assisted by the Rev. L. Lloyd, CHARLES S. MOORE, Esq., of Fochow, to MARY LAWRENCE LANCASTER, only surviving daughter of the late Thomas L. Lancaster, Esq., and step-daughter of R. R. Westall, Esq., both of that place.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French flag-ship *Triomphante* arrived at Amoy from Saigon on the 23rd inst.

NOTHING of importance re the trouble at Pahang in the Singapore papers received this morning.

WOODYER'S Royal Australian Circus, by latest advices from Amoy, continues to do good business at that port.

The silk per R.M.S. *Empress of Japan*, which sailed from Hongkong on March 29th, was delivered in New York on the 28th inst.

A TELEGRAM received by the Japanese Foreign Office states that the Italian Ministry has resigned and the Marquis di Rudini is forming another Cabinet.

A MEETING of the Diligent Lodge of Instruction will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Thursday, 2nd proximo, at 8 for 9.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A REMARKABLE old skipper, Capt. Geo. N. Armstrong, of whose thrilling experiences we published a brief summary on the 16th inst., left by the *Oceanic* yesterday for Yokohama where he will, we understand, take over command of the ship *North American* which is loading for New York.

It is reported that in Province Dent (British North Borneo) the 1891 paddy crops were the most productive a partial failure. Rats have been most destructive throughout the Province during the year under review, and failures have been reported on all the rivers. Pepper planting was not carried on with much vigour owing to a fall in prices in the Singapore markets.

The Band of the 1st Shopshire Regt. will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—
Overture, "Flute Sonata".....Supp.
Descriptive Piece, "A Rustic Wedding".....King.
Selection, "The Maid of the Mountains".....Queen and Cavalry.
"Avenue in Bali".....Cavalry.
Selection, "The Maid of the Mountains".....Queen and Cavalry.
"Avenue in Bali".....Cavalry.
"The Maid of the Mountains".....Queen and Cavalry.

Mr. John Newell Jordan, who has so ably filled the post of Assistant Chinese Secretary and Acting Chinese Secretary for the past few years, has, according to our Shanghai morning contemporary, been appointed Chinese Secretary of the British Legation at Peking, in succession to Mr. Walter C. Hillier, promoted to the rank of Consul-General in Corea on the 1st of October last. Inspired no doubt by economical motives, and following the precedent adopted in Japan last year, by the abolition of the post of Assistant Japanese Secretary, the British Government has likewise abolished that of Assistant Chinese Secretary at Peking.

Thus the Singapore *Free Press* on the Editor of the rival journal, the *Straits Times*—

To A. R.

With abject apologies to the author of

"LAPUS CALAMI."

Will there never come a season
Which shall rid us of the curse
Of an "Orange Kayah's" treason
And a swiftly dwindling purse?
When the Straits shall cease to wonder
At the ravings of an ass,
And each editorial blunder
To accoutrements the fars.

When Pahang shall be deliv. ed.
From the "line-a-penny's" spleen,
And our nerves no more be shivered
By Rumb's daily belien.

When the Straits Times has a dying
Mute beside the *Trans-Asian* lies,
When the "are nots" cease from lying,
And the Frasers perch no more?

The Shanghai *Mercury* of April 25th says:—
We learn from Tientsin that the Viceroy Li Hung-chang has just granted a concession to Messrs. Tong King-sing and Co. to open the Manchurian gold mines in the region of the late disturbance, and that the latter company has come to Shanghai to host a company to engage in the work, &c. &c. Mr. Tong King-sing has proved a competent engineer and a successful administrator, and as the precious metal undoubtedly abounds in that part of Manchuria, the prospect of success are highly encouraging. In commencing that gentleman's achievements have been remarkable, and now we learn that silver mining has already commenced to pay its way. Yet more successful, the *Shanghai Mercury* says, the company, which turned out a very good quality of that article, "The Company" is selling as fast and as much as they can make daily, which is about thirty tons, but this quantity will be doubled when another workman arrives from England. Mr. Tong King-sing must have a large responsibility, and a big brain to discharge his duties so admirably. He is Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway and Mining Company, which owns the "Yellow River" Silver Mines, and the Tangshan Cement Works. Besides this he is a Director of the China Railway Company. This is a good record and will cause his countrymen to place confidence in the proposed gold-mining enterprise.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Japan and China on the 27th inst.

The Superintendent of the F. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Brindisi* left Bombay for this port on the 23rd inst.

The Douglas Company's steamer *Namoo* arrived from coast north-to-day under command of Captain H. Bathurst, late chief officer of the *Helian*.

LATEST CONSUMPTION FROM THE RAILROAD.

Q.—Why is Hongkong a synonym for Hides?
A.—Because you enter through Sulphur Channel, and once in you can't get out again.

The King of Siam will, according to the *Straits Press*, follow the example of some of his Oriental contemporaries (notably that curious personage "the Shah") and tour through the Great West.

There will be communion at the Peak Church on Sunday morning next at 8 o'clock, when Bishop Burdon will officiate. The same service will be continued on the first Sunday of every month throughout the summer.

In re Rose v. Mc Dermott, \$1,000 wages due, Mr. Holmes to-day appeared in the Summary Court on behalf of the plaintiff to ask judgment of the Court for the hearing to stand over until a petition for probate is filed. Granted.

RUDYARD KIPLING crossed from Vancouver to Yokohama by the *Empress of India*, just arrived, with his wife, who was a sister of the late Wolcott Blodgett, a promising young American novelist recently deceased at Dresden.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* has a trial trip prior to leaving San Francisco on her latest voyage and succeeded in recording 17 knots for an hour's run, which was a very satisfactory performance and places the old *Rio* not so very far behind the flying clippers of modern days.

As soon as Vice-Admiral Fremantle hoisted his flag on the *Impetuous* this morning the guns of the *Vladimir Monomach* bellowed forth their noisy salute; the compliment being returned by the British flag-ship in the usual way. That's how it was that the whole town was disturbed at 8 a.m.—only that, and nothing more.

"OARSMAN"—We would recommend you to inquire at the Harbour Office, it certainly seems strange that "Dr. Dobber's" chartered yacht *Arrow* should be at the harbour firing the Colonial salute, seeing that she is not a Government vessel. But there must be some reason, and possibly a valid one, for what appears to you to be "another gross irregularity."

A LENGTHY communication from our Macao correspondent is unavoidably "crowded out," as are some other correspondence and news items for which we hope to find room to-morrow. The Samahs Farm trouble in the Holy City, it appears, still threatens danger, and the problem cannot be satisfactorily solved until May 1st, the date on which the Farm starts active operations.

It is interesting to note from the report of the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Namoo*, which vessel arrived from the Coast Ports this morning, that when she left the Min river on the 26th inst. the Chinese Northern Fleet was very much in evidence in that locality. There were three iron-clads and a wooden corvette at Pagoda Anchorage, and the Admiral's flag-ship, and another big iron-clad at Sharp Peak, Hongkong. It was probably he shadowed with a visit from the "terror of the Eastern Seas."

With reference to the alleged collapse of the sill of the dock at Port Arthur, which has been publicly denied with some show of authority, we are in receipt of reliable advices from the North to the effect that the dock has actually sustained serious damage. The sides of the dock did collapse and their weight forced up a considerable portion of the bottom, rendering it necessary to have two large pumps constantly at work in order to prevent the leakage from obtaining the mastery. When our advices left, the leakage was not under the control of the ordinary dock drain-pump, and the situation was sufficiently alarming to have caused a good deal of uneasiness amongst the officials at Port Arthur.

A few days ago we stated that an enterprising navigator in the service of "King" O'Rourke at Yap (Caroline Islands) had "seen" his lord and master badly; getting clean away with the schooner-rigged flyship *Santa Cruz* and a lot of what is known in those far-away islands as "trade." We now learn that another of Captain O'Rourke's employees has skipped from Yap with the 27 ton schooner *O. S. Fowler*, with \$10,000 dollars, a lot of pearls, and 50 piculs of *beche-de-mer*. Even an absolute monarch of all the seas as our worthy friend O'Rourke is not so easily in his own domain, can "get left" occasionally. The "confidence trick" when properly manipulated, knocks honesty as high—or, yes, as high as the once greatly wanted morality of the would-be bootlers of the Hongkong Share Market.

MISS EVA SAUNDERS appeared in the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Davis as defendant in a suit brought by her late husband, who claimed \$8 as balance of wages and "chow chow" money. His lordship, after carefully investigating the pros and cons of the matter at issue, delivered judgment for the "boy," with costs—in all eleven Mexican dollars. No sooner had his lordship pronounced the adverse judgment than the young lady began to comment on it as *la Francis*, Q.C. and in a manner that caused the learned occupant of the bench to "geekly" exclaim: "Now, don't say anything more! You have been the best judgment I can with the materials before me." The fair Eva muttered something that didn't altogether resemble a prayer, and after cogitating for a moment, remarked: "Well, your lordship, you may have done your best, but it's a damned bad judgment, anyway!" And then she peacefully departed on her way heaven-wards.

WHERE the ubiquitous "reps" of the *Telegraph* are solicited for a free "ad" they generally dismiss the subject (and the steady-looking applicant) with a word or two in season to the effect that times are too hard to admit of much philanthropy. But when the marine man gets hold of the Hongkong Smoking Concert Club's express issued this afternoon he rushed into the editorial sanctum *sanctorum* shouting, "Here's a letter, boss! Shall I run it in?" "Yes, if there's room," was the laconic reply of the chief, and so here it is in all its original freshness.

THE next Concert will take place on Saturday, May 7th, in St. Andrew's Hall at 9.15 p.m.—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Barrow in the chair. F.A. will be provided.

The attention of a few members is again requested to Rule VI. "Each member is requested to invite one visitor who must be *de jure* resident in the Colony." Clubs, play fields, and other members, will, we are informed, apply to any member of the Committee or to

JAMES A. LOWE, Hon. Secretary.

In connection with the alleged conspiracy case against Gwoon Sing, which has caused such commotion amongst the Chinese inhabitants of Sydney and suburbs, a Chinese gardener named Ah Chew surrendered himself to the Sydney police on the 26th ult. He makes the fourth Chinaman who will be tried for conspiracy. Ah Chew was one of the alleged conspirators, was brought before the Water Police Court on the 23rd and remanded to the 24th, on which day the hearing of what will prove sensational details was to be commenced. The four Chinamen have made great preparations for their defence.

The sixteenth ordinary general meeting of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., was held in the head office, Shanghai, on April 25th. Mr. T. H. Lavers, president, and there was a large attendance of shareholders, representing in all 1,811 shares. After some questions and explanations the Chairman proposed and Mr. H. R. Hearn seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which was carried. Messrs. Brand, Hearn, Holliday, Lavers, Ellis, McLeod and Seaman were re-elected Directors for the current year at a remuneration of tails 6,000, and Messrs. Hearn and Seaman were re-elected as Auditors. Some questions as to the re-constitution of the Company and the reduction of capital were then informally discussed, and the meeting separated.

WEISING LOTTERY PROSECUTION.

INTERESTING REVELATIONS.

Eight Chinese were brought before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistrate's office to-day charged with being concerned in the management of a common gaming house at No. 10 Bird Street on or about the 2nd April. Mr. Johnson (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and Mr. Wotton defended. The case was first brought up on Wednesday last. The evidence was to the following effect:—

John Green, detective, gave formal evidence of seizure. Chan Sing, police court interpreter, translated and explained the documents seized. It appeared that this was a branch of the Macao *weising* farm.

William Baker, acting inspector, also gave formal evidence of the seizure. Chan Ming Kwei, charge room interpreter, was present, but witness thought this was unusual. Chan said Inspector Matheson sent him, but the Inspector said he did not.

Chan Ming Kwei said Chief Inspector Matheson gave him instructions at the same time as he sent Inspector Baker. He said "Go and see if the police are in the morning." This was because he interpreted the information given to Mr. Matheson by district watchman Chan Sing on the 12th inst. that there was a *weising* lottery at 10 Bird Street and 60 Jervois Street. The district watchman gave him a letter from Mok Lai Chi, the interpreter in the Registrar General's Office, saying that the watchman knew that there was a *weising* gambling house, and asking witness to take the watchman to make a report to the police. He took him at once. He did not keep the letter, but showed it up. Mr. Matheson told the watchman to make sure and to come back again. He came on the 14th inst. and again saw Mr. Matheson; also at 11.30 on the 16th inst.

Cross-examined—He spoke to Inspector Matheson in English, and received his instructions in English. It was usual for witness to go and see the police make arrests. He was once before Inspector Baker. He did not know the letter, but he never seen the district watchman before. This was the first time Mok Lai Chi had ever written him a letter like this. The letter was in English on English paper. There was no chop. He did not show the letter or mention it to Mr. Matheson, and he destroyed the letter two or three minutes after receiving it. The district watchman gave him the letter outside the room at 11.30. There were two clerks in the room at the time. He did not show them the letter or tell them he had received it. He showed it to Mok Lai Chi who should write to him. He knew an ex-P.C. named Wong Kam. He never at any time spoke to Wong Kam about this case. He never heard of Lo Chong from Macao. He never spoke to Wong Kam about gambling houses, nor about certain fees that were to be paid by gambling houses. Nobody paid him a sum of \$30 in June, September, or November last year or in January this year. It was not a fact that he had been receiving for some time \$120 per annum in connection with gambling houses. It was not a fact that he asked that the \$120 might be increased to \$400 a year. He never saw Wong Kam or arranged with him that he should be the medium for getting any amount paid to witness. Anybody saying that witness had spoken to Wong Kam about gambling and receiving money would be a liar. He had heard that Wong Kam was employed by the *weising* farm to pay money to the police to keep it quiet. He heard that two or three months ago he had received a letter from Mok Lai Chi and reported it at once to Mr. Matheson. He could not say whether it was or not, but he believed it to be true. He was told by P. S. Wing Shing, P. S. Chan Cheong, P. S. 175 Cheong Shing, and P. S. 236 Taino On. He was told at different times in the course of a fortnight. It was not told him specially but was talked of throughout the force. He knew a person Yu Si Sam, but did not know when he was a friend of Mok Lai Chi. He knew Yu Si Sam had no occupation. He kept a billiard club of which witness gave information to Mr. Matheson. He could not remember when he told Mr. Matheson. The Club was not broken up. He never had any conversation with Yu Si Sam about this house nor about any other house. It was not a fact that witness gave information about this house in revenge for not being paid \$400. He never asked anyone to go to the police. He never threatened anyone that he would give information if he did not get the money.

Inspector Matheson said the last witness asked leave to go with Baker, and witness did not see any reason to refuse it, so let him go. It was unusual.

Mok Lai Chi, interpreter and clerk in the Registrar General's Office, said he knew district watchman Chan Sing and was acquainted with Chan Ming Kwei. He gave the district watchman a letter from Mok Lai Chi in that letter he stated that this house was kept as a *weising* gambling house, and asked Chan Ming Kwei to take the district watchman to the Inspector to get a warrant. The watchman told witness that if a warrant was not issued at once he was afraid he would not get it by and bye, and he asked witness what he would do. It was not the practice of the office for district watchmen to give information and for witness to write to another interpreter. He did not know why the watchman reported the matter to him instead of following the usual course. It was not part of his duty to receive information of gambling houses from district watchmen. In the ordinary course of things it was their duty to report to the head district watchman, who would report to the Registrar General or his assistant. Witness reported this case, but not at the time. The watchman said he had already reported the case to the police. He said he had been asked by the police interpreter, and he told him about a certain house being kept as a *weising* lottery house. He added that he wanted a warrant at once. The watchman did not come on purpose to tell witness about this house.

Witness said to the watchman, "If you spoke to the interpreter why did you not ask him to take you to see the Inspector to take out a warrant?" The district watchman did not tell him why, and witness said "I will give you a note and request the interpreter to let you see the Inspector, and you may tell him the full particulars." The note was written in English. The next morning witness was called on witness at his house and told him that it was his (watchman's) duty to report the matter to the head district watchman, but that he was afraid that if he did he would not have a case as the b. d. w. was bribed. He told witness there were many *weising* gambling houses in his district. As the head district watchman never made any report against any one of them and as there were two district watchmen who dealt with *weising* lottery tickets he was afraid if he reported this case to them nothing would come of it. Witness instructed the watchman to give that as a reason for going to him and not to the head district watchman. His reason for not telling the Registrar General was to save the watchman and afterwards he forgot to tell the Registrar General after the arrest.

Chan Sing, police court interpreter, read a number of names on letters of application for tickets, corresponding with names, some having numbers appended, in the lists found in the house.

Chan Sing, district watchman 32, remembered going on April 22nd with Insp. Baker to No. 10 Bird Street, first floor, a little after noon. Could not get to the second floor, as there was a trap-door, and the people above would not open it. Witness then detailed the arrest of the prisoners and seizure of the papers, etc.

Mr. Johnson submitted that this was proved to be a gaming house within the meaning of the Ordinance. The first and second prisoners were clearly managing the place, and the rest were in the tickets. Nothing else was found to explain what the house was used for or what the defendants were doing there.

Mr. Wotton urged that, except in the case of the first and second prisoners, there was absolutely no evidence of any offence, and as to those two there was only very slight evidence, not enough to convict them of being in any way connected with the house. According to Mr. Johnson's contention, any person found in a gaming house, even if others must be guilty. Further, the tickets and papers found had no reference to present or future transactions, nothing to show that they were not all old and by-gone. The Ordinance dealt with money found on the person of the manager, or others gambling, but not money locked up in a drawer as in this case. He submitted that nothing at all was really proved in the nature of an offence under the Ordinance.

In giving judgment, his Worship said that as the case was left on Wednesday there was certain evidence produced which only had material bearing on the case so far as it tended to show that there might be a conspiracy, on the part of those who had initiated the prosecution, to bring a false charge. That defence, however, had not been set up, and all that was left for the Court to decide was whether this was a gambling house or not, and if it was, whether and to what degree the prisoners were concerned in it. After hearing all that had been said, and examining Ord. 7 of 1891, he decided that there was no direct evidence to show what all the prisoners were doing, by the wording of the Ordinance he was bound to conclude in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that they were there for the purpose of gaming. It was left to the Court to decide who appeared to be the manager. The second defendant, whose coat was hung up in the house, appeared to occupy some prominent position, and the first, who was found with papers in his hand, was evidently the head man. His Worship, therefore, fined the first defendant \$250, or in default six months; second \$25, or two months 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, \$10 or 14 days, and the 7th and 8th, who were caught coming away, not actually with the others, were discharged. The money was all forfeited, including \$210 in silver dollars, broken silver bullion, and small change, all found in a drawer, besides a number of small packages, labelled with long names, and containing small "discounts" on prizes, were also forfeited.

Mr. Wotton asked if his Worship had any objection to stating a case for the Supreme Court.

His Worship said he had no objection.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The usual fortnightly meeting of this Board was held this afternoon. The Registrar General presided and there were also present the Director of Public Works, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Canille, Messrs. Francis, Humphreys, Ede, and H. McCallum, secretary.

Some discussion arose out of a case of hydrophobia reported. Dr. Ayres thought there was no occasion for alarm, though it would be as well if many stray mongrels could be killed. The subject was dropped.

Thirty-seven applications for licences to keep pigs were referred to the Colonial Veterinary to report.

Considerable discussion arose on the question of Mr. Ladd's position as veterinary surgeon both to the Government and to the Dairy Farm. This appointment was tentative, for three months, now expired.

Mr. Francis moved that the question be postponed and that Mr. Ladd be asked to report on the terms of his engagement, what time he had given to each branch of duties, etc., so as to judge whether his public duty was injured by his private post. This should be put in writing, for reference, and the Board could then report to the Government. Mr. Francis strongly opposed the proposal, though he would like to see the official post better paid, it was not his duty to give any private advantage.

Mr. Humphreys also objected, not on ground of want of time to do both duties, but because Mr. Ladd had identified himself with one particular concern. Either he should be allowed private practice altogether, or not at all. The Dairy Farm got an advertisement free, and a great advantage which its rivals could not get. It was not fair to the others.

Mr. Ede seconded Mr. Francis's motion. Mr. Humphreys thought all the information needed was already in hand, and he moved that the Government be informed that in the opinion of the Board it was not desirable that the Colonial Veterinary continue to act as consultant to the Dairy Farm or any other private venture unless he could practice generally for all, and further, that in view of the new duties devolving on Mr. Ladd in connection with the Vaccine Farm it would be better to allow him a higher salary (and no private practice). He was not to give any private advantage. He seconded Mr. Humphreys's amendment.

Mr. Cooper said there was no reason to believe Mr. Ladd's public duties were interfered with, nor that his private concerns were prevented from getting his services. He moved an amendment to report to the Government to that effect, recommending continuance of the present arrangement. He thought it not right to inquire into Mr. Ladd's work for the Dairy Farm.

Brown, \$205; Peter Dollar, livery stable-keeper, \$175; International fur store, \$375; Redfern, tailor, \$175; Mme. Schwabe, dressmaker, \$2400.

Some of these debts appear for themselves, Dinkelpiel's method was to get some provincial man to insure, as a decoy, on promise of insurance for nothing if he allowed his name to be used. Dinkelpiel lived in the West End in luxury. Most of the claims against him are legitimate.

Trial of the leaders of the Walsall anarchist conspiracy began to-day at the Staffordshire Assizes. Attorney-General Webster appeared for the prosecution, and after his address the court adjourned.

PARIS, March 30th. The Foreign Office has learned through the French Minister to Great Britain that the general elections in England will be held in July.

In accordance with the decision of the Government to adopt most stringent measures to suppress anarchists, orders for their expulsion from France to-day were communicated to forty leading foreign anarchists in Paris. No actual crime is charged, but the authorities are determined to prevent these men from committing violence here. They are known to be hand in glove with French anarchists, and it is believed they will be far less dangerous if driven from the country. Several of the anarchists were warned a short time ago to leave France, but they paid no attention to the warning. They will be taken in charge by the police and conducted to the frontier.

RIO JANEIRO, March 30th. The latest news from the State of San Paulo is to the effect that a plot against the Government has been discovered and that the conspirators have been arrested.

Congress has nominated a new Governor for Rio Grande do Sul, and in this way has quieted the discontent of the inhabitants of that State.

VIENNA, March 30th. The police have charged Perstorfer, the socialist leader in the lower house of the Reichsrath, with treason for utterances at a meeting of workmen, claiming that he incited them to revolt against the Government.

LONDON, March 31st. The steamer *Misouri* from New York to Libau with a cargo for the relief of the Russian famine sufferers, arrived at Gravesend to-day. The freight collected for the transportation of cattle to be landed at Denford will be turned over to the Russian famine fund.

The Lisbon correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the Minister of Public Works intends to resign owing to a difference of opinion with the Premier, who desires, in order to oblige France, to annul the contract of the English company to lay the Azores cable in favor of a French syndicate.

The mail brings the details of the theatre fire in Cape Town which brought to such a disastrous end the tour of Mrs. Potter and Kyrie Bell. They lost \$5,000 worth of costumes and personal effects and \$1,000 worth of jewelry, including Macready's dagger and other curios. Mrs. Potter lost Kean's dagger, which she wore as Juliet.

The strike of the coalminers in Durham which began on March 1st will probably last a fortnight longer. The coal shipping trade of Sunderland, Seaham Harbor and Hartlepool is entirely suspended. Trade elsewhere is greatly curtailed, and the iron and steel trade of Cleveland is at a standstill. Thousands of workmen at Stockton are idle, and hundreds of people are in a starving condition.

The trial of the six Walsall anarchists was continued at the Staffordshire Assizes. The confession of Deakin, one of the prisoners, was read, in which he implicated his companions and declared the bombs they manufactured were intended for use in Russia.

From dispatches received here it is learned that the Chinese Government has garriooned all the mission districts in China and has promised to severely punish the perpetrators of outrages in the future.

PARIS, March 31st. A dispatch from Porto Novo states that 200 Dahomeyans have attacked Resenon. It is believed that the natives mediate attacks on Porto Novo and Kotonou, and the French have taken measure to repel the attacks.

NEW YORK, March 31st. The ocean race between the English ships *Butcher* and *Armada* from San Francisco to Dunkirk and Falmouth respectively, mentioned some days ago, when the vessels were reported sighted off Falkland only a mile apart, is ended. At that time the two ships had been fifty-six days out from San Francisco, and the *Butcher* was then leading. A dispatch to the *Maritime Exchange* from Falmouth to-day announces the arrival of the *Armada* at that port.

BERLIN, March 31st. The Reichstag was prorogued to-day. The speech closing the session was delivered by Dr. von Boetticher, secretary of the Imperial House of Commons and representative of the Chancellor.

SP. PETERSBURG, March 31st. Finance Minister Vishnegrebki intends to issue a new loan of 75,000,000 rubles for the purpose of extending the railway system.

BRISTOL, March 31st. A family of eight persons were burned to death in a house last night through the ignition of petroleum.

ROME, March 31st. Railway travels generally interrupted throughout Italy by floods. At Turin the floating baths were swept away and three persons were drowned. At Moncalieri the Po and Sangone rivers are now one vast lake three and a half miles broad.

MELBOURNE, March 31st. The publication of the details of the crimes of Deemling has caused a most bitter feeling here, and the authorities fear a serious attempt to lynch him on his arrival, and are taking special measures to prevent it.

LOVDOV, April 1st. The Unionists intend contesting every seat in Ireland at the next election. The object of this is to ascertain whether there has been a growing of Unionist opinion in the country.

The Norwegian steamer *Lofoten* has been lost off the north coast of Norway. The captain, first officer, chief engineer and seven seamen were drowned.

PARIS, April 1st. The decision of the lower courts on the assignment of a portion of the late General Boulanger's property, which belongs to his wife, has just been affirmed on appeal. The personality of the late General's general assets amounted to 115,772 francs. Less debts to the amount of 10,750 francs. After the payment of the debts and 10,000 francs charges, Mme. Boulanger is awarded the entire balance. Under this decision the two daughters of the General do not receive a single franc.

It was thought that the arrest of Ravachol and his accomplices would put an end to the work of anarchists, but it appears from a discovery made this morning that the police have not succeeded in capturing all of the dangerous members of that party.

The occupants of a house on the Boulevard Strasbourg were startled this morning on being informed that the concierge had found a dynamite bomb in front of the house. The police were at once notified.

It is reported that a regular permit has been discovered at the lodgings of Ravachol, an anarchist, authorizing him to obtain 1500 cartridges from the dynamite stores near the house.

The police are inquiring as to how he obtained the permit. Mr. Dietz, the police commissary who arrested Ravachol, and the restaurant-keeper and waiter who betrayed him to the police, have received menacing letters.

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SUNDAY LABOUR IN CALCUTTA.

The following orders have been adopted by the Government of Bengal:—

The Lieutenant Governor's object is to make it clear (1) that Sunday labour is not to be permitted in the port unless it is absolutely necessary; (2) that when the necessity arises out of the danger of the ship being neaped (a fact which is capable of demonstration from the tide tables) or the state of the weather, permission should always be given; (3) that when other grounds of special urgency are alleged, the permission should be given provided the Collector of Customs is satisfied that the reasons are sufficient (thus preventing anything like a capricious exercise of the power, with which the Collector is vested), and on payment of a heavy fee.

The Customs Collector is prohibited from granting permission to work cargo in sea-going vessels ordinarily on Sunday. He shall, however, give written permission in the following cases:—

(1)—When the application to work is supported by a declaration in a prescribed form signed by the owner or agent of the vessel, certifying that the permission is absolutely necessary to enable the vessel to leave the port owing to the state of the river or to the condition of the weather.

(2)—When the application is made on grounds of special urgency, provided the Collector of Customs is satisfied that such grounds are sufficient.

(3)—When the application is made to discharge or load live-stock, ship's stores, ballast, or coal.

In case 2, permission shall only be granted on payment of a fee equal to 6 annas on the net registered tonnage of the vessel, subject to a minimum of Rs. 50 and a maximum of Rs. 200.

These orders do not modify those contained in the Financial Department Resolution, dated the 24th September, 1888, under which a fee of Rs. 5 (Rs. 100 on Christmas day, Good Friday, Queen's Birthday, and the 1st of January) is payable for the services of a preventive officer; such fee will be levied in case II, in addition to the fee prescribed for that case.

SERMO SINENSIS.

"Come up to my house for a chat this afternoon if you have nothing better to do. It's raining, business has gone to sleep, and I don't fancy that there is much doing in your line," said the great team to me a few days ago.

"O.K.," I replied, and later in the day found myself in Awa's hospitable mansion reclining in the easiest of morocco-covered arm chairs, while the host, sitting in a high-backed chair of a luxurious carpet. The furniture of the room was nearly all of European manufacture and the best of its kind, the walls were covered with the "silken pictures" so beloved of the wealthy native, and there was a general sense of comfort and solid comfort which money alone can supply.

The diurnal iteration of the rain-drops in the courtyard only tended to make more sensible the serenity within.

Napoleon was not long in making his appearance, and as he was wont to put at once into the discussion of that great subject which he is universally admitted to know so much. "But before we go any further," said he, "try one of these smokes. They were given to me as a kind of thank-offering by a *chasse* who got a cheap chop of Ningchow out of me last season."

"Yes, did the tea pay?"

"Not exactly," he replied. "It only lost od. per lb. while it was in a great deal of trouble. It often comes across such a sincere case of gratitude."

"Well, Awa, your former delivery on tea prospects did not evoke much discussion in the papers, as you had hoped."

"No," said he, "I was amused at what did appear. First, there came a letter signed *Chassara*, who commenced by congratulating me on my vigour, and wound up by telling me that I was quite wrong in my figures as to the average cost of the tea crop. I confessed I was wrong. I always am. Then a *Tia* Levathan informed me that he had read my remarks with pleasure and that he had set people talking over what will soon be the *business of the hour*. And that's all. Finally appears a letter signed A.J.L. He doesn't agree with me at all, and with unanswerable logic points out that if the production of India and Ceylon is this year 200,000,000 lbs. it will only make more patent the steadily dwindling consumption of China tea. But I still maintain that China tea can hold its own in the competition if the crop is large and cheap and good. But I dare say that here again I am wrong as usual. Further, speaking of the heavy export, A.J.L. adds, 'For merchants to pursue their trade under this weight is but to go on from year to year "hogging a dead horse" until nothing of the carcass is left.' For the life of me I cannot see the object of hogging a dead horse at any time, but especially from year to year."

"High old horse," he exclaimed.

"And by the way," he continued, "a practical planter (telling me in his letter how he arrives at the cost of the Ceylon crop. But I don't place much reliance on his figures, for he omits the serious and all important item of interest on the cost of his estate."

"I see the Russian continent has arrived. Did you get any information from them?"

"Not much, though I gave them a capital dinner and a fine entertainment at our local Rotherhithe. No, they are rather close; but one indiscreet member admitted to me, after his thirtieth cup of hot *tsamshu*, that things weren't quite so bad in Russia as they were represented to be, and personally that he took a cheerful view. And here he became lost to my cheerful view beneath the table."

"Well, now that we are within a measurable distance of practical politics, have your views changed at all during the month?"

"I can't say that they have. I hold to the figures I before gave you as to the extent of the crop and the prices foreigners could not exceed. One would have thought that in common with many other crops, tea would have been backward this season. But I'm told masters can be in Hankow by the 5th of May, if wanted. There is the pull buyers will have this year, and that is in exchange. Merchants' bills have already been sold forward at 40 per cent. tact, which is 10 per cent. lower than last May's average rate. I hope they won't throw away the advantage. But surely there can't be any desire to rush things this year? I know what losses are, and I have just closed my 1891 shipment account by the payment of Tls. 2,500 loss on 200 half-chests tea. Here are some losses, all authentic, which will make your hair stand!"

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